

00009-22 - Key Points on Impacts to Critical Infrastructure, Demonstrations Across Canada - 09 Feb 2022

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Colleagues,

New information in bold as of 12:00 EST, 09 Feb

Overview

- * Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the US to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- * Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-US essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.

Key Points: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- **Minimal people on Parliament Hill and surrounding streets. OPP advising there could be slow roll protests in the suburbs of Ottawa or through small towns outside of the city** (as of 10:30 EST, 09 Feb).
 - o **Ottawa police say children on trucks add complication to ending trucker protest.** [Link](#)
 - o Towing companies on city contracts refuse to move convoy vehicles. [Link](#)
 - o Ottawa can probe foreign funding for efforts 'to undermine public safety': Mendicino. [Link](#)

Windsor, ON:

- **As of 09 Feb, the CBSA border wait time site is stating that the Ambassador Bridge is temporarily closed.**

Sarnia, ON:

- **According to TC reporting and open source information, the OPP have reported that Highway 402 westbound is closed approximately 40km east of Sarnia. A group of protestors entered the Highway and the OPP are now closing westbound exits leading to the Blue Water Bridge. A separate protest is planned in a local park near the CBSA Port of Entry, it is expected that the protest will attempt to impede inbound and outbound border traffic in Sarnia.**

- As of 09 Feb, the Blue Water Bridge remains open to traffic in both directions.

Fort Erie, ON:

- **Planned demonstration at Peace bridge** - open source information indicates the convoy may block access to the Peace bridge on 12 Feb, with potential to impact the Fort Erie-Buffalo border crossing.
- **Niagara bridges monitoring blockade situation in Windsor.** [Link](#)

Winnipeg, MB:

- Reports indicate small number of demonstrators outside of the Manitoba legislative building.
 - **Winnipeg mayor calls truckers protest an 'unlawful occupation,' looks to police to end it.** [Link](#)
 - **Demonstration slated for Polo Park on 12 Feb.** [Link](#)

Coutts (Port of Entry) AB:

- **RCMP reports that north and southbound lanes to the Coutts border crossing are closed due to the protester's blockade.**
 - **Traffic to and from the Canada-U.S. border crossing at Coutts, Alta. was again blocked by protesters on Tuesday evening.** [Link](#)
 - **Charges will be laid in Alberta border blockade, RCMP deputy commissioner says.** [Link](#)

Preparedness and Response efforts

Ottawa, ON :

- * The GOC will host Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP) teleconferences with partners at TBS and PCO on an ad hoc basis for the remainder of the event.
- **As of 08 Feb, police resources have made 23 arrests in relation to the demonstration and 1,300 tickets have been issued.**
- Police resources have facilitated the departure of 6-7 trucks on 08 Feb.
- * NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill; extended until 14 Feb.
- Council votes to pin extra policing costs on those responsible for incurring them. [Link](#)
- * OPS has announced on social media that "Anyone attempting to bring material supports (gas, etc.) to the demonstrators could be subject to arrest. Enforcement is underway."
- * OPS additionally reports the following:
 - * Continue to avoid nonessential travel to the downtown core.
- For information on [planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally](#).
- * For updates on the [City of Ottawa road closures and traffic](#) or via social media [@Ottawa_Traffic](#) and [@Ottawa_Circule](#).

Other Jurisdictions:

- * NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto until 13 Feb.
- * NOTAM is in effect over Milk River, AB until 09 Feb; the NOTAM over Coutts, AB has been extended to 16 Feb.

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- * The majority of the events have been peaceful.
- * Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.

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